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SUBJECT: DIPLOMA TAX FOR ESTONIAN STUDENT WAIVED

1. FINNISH CONGEN RYTKONEN IN LENINGRAD INFORMED GLEYSTEN APRIL 3 THAT ESTONIAN BRIDE OF FINNISH EXCHANGE STUDENT WAS TOLD SHE COULD LEAVE SOVIET UNION WITHOUT PAYING 6,800 RUBLE DIPLOMA TAX. EARLIER RYTKONEN TOOK UP CASE WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND SUCCEEDED IN HAVING TAX REDUCED BY 25 PER CENT. TAX WAS LATER WAIVED ALTOGETHER.

2. RYTKONEN SAID WOMAN WAS NOT JEWISH. HE SAID IT WAS FIRST INSTANCE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF DIPLOMA TAX BEING LEVIED AND THEN RESCINDED AGAINST ESTONIANS DESIRING EMIGRATION. WOMAN CAME TO LENINGRAD FROM TALLIN TO THANK RYTKONEN FOR HIS EFFORTS, SINCE THERE WAS NO WAY SHE COULD RAISE SUM INVOLVED. RYTKONEN TOLD HER SHE SHOULD THANK US GOVERNMENT.

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